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Dear Chiefs and Sheriffs:

The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety will reimburse law enforcement agencies for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) **off-duty** callout time. This is a direct result of the efforts of the Maine Impaired Driving Task Force. Multiple law enforcement members on the task force have informed us that many agencies do not allow their DREs to respond to requests for off-duty DREs because they lack the ability to pay overtime.

MeBHS is attempting to make DRE services more widely available by reimbursing overtime expenses from any agency that calls in their own **off-duty** DRE to perform services for their own agency, **or** another agency upon request from that agency. This reimbursement also includes court time that a DRE may incur when assisting an *outside* agency.

This reimbursement is *only available to agencies whose current standard of practice is not to allow **off-duty** DRE callout overtime expenses*. The funding is not available to supplement agencies that already reimburse their own DREs with overtime costs and it is not available to reimburse DRE court time incurred while the DRE is performing services for their own agency.

MeBHS is hopeful that by providing reimbursement for off-duty DRE call-outs not normally funded, agencies will help make DRE services more obtainable when law enforcement is confronted with a drugged driving case.

In order to receive full DRE callout reimbursement all of the below criteria must be met:

- 1) The requesting agency made an OUI arrest AND obtained a chemical test showing a BAC below .08.
- 2) The requesting agency made a good faith effort to obtain an on-duty DRE whose response time is reasonable but no DRE was on-duty and able to respond within a reasonable time.
- 3) An off-duty DRE is called in who assists the requesting agency with the OUI investigation.
- 4) MeBHS will cover court costs for an agency that has provided a DRE **only** for another agency.
- 5) The DRE call-out reimbursement **Financial Report** form is properly filled out and an **Invoice**, matching the address below, is submitted by the finance department and mailed to MeBHS quarterly.

(April 1, July 1, and September 30 of each year).

To participate in the DRE call-out reimbursement program please complete the attached form and mail the original form to MeBHS. MeBHS will provide the agency with a copy of the contract and Financial Report once the form is received.

Sincerely,

Lauren Stewart, Director



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**Law Enforcement Agency
2016 DRE Call-Out
Reimbursement Form**

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	Agency	
Name		Mailing Address
Chief/Sheriff Name		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
City and Zip Code		
Telephone Number		
Fax Number		
Email Address		
Vendor Code*		

*MeBHS can provide when form is submitted.

DRE Call-Out Reimbursement **WILL** cover costs from **October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016**.

I hereby understand and agree to the criteria for DRE Callout Reimbursement and the Financial Reports reflecting the required criteria that will be submitted to the MeBHS.

Signature Sheriff/Chief

Date _____

Lauren Stewart Bureau of Highway Safety Director

Date _____



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